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#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4A. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-6, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1-6. In Figure 4a, previously omitted element of the crossing-section has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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#### **REMARKS**

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

#### **Status of Claims**

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-24 have been rejected.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the specification and drawings add no new matter.

#### **Remarks to the Drawings**

Fig. 4a has been amended to match the specification and to show the cross-section component as indicated by the Examiner. The entire drawing sheet containing each corrected drawing is enclosed for review by the Examiner.

#### **Remarks to the Specification**

The amendments to the specification are editorial in nature and do not introduce new matter.

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## CLAIM REJECTIONS

### 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Alon et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0172358). Specifically, the Examiner held that the subject matter of these claims was disclosed in Figs. 1, 2 and 3a-3c of the Publication and described in paragraphs 5, 7, 12-14, 17-19, 22, 28, 31, 33, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45 ,48-53, 56, and 66-77 of Alon et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, on the grounds that David Goren, Rachel Gordin, and Michael Zelikson were co-authors of the cited publication. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter disclosed in Figs. 1, 2 and 3a-3c of the Publication and described in paragraphs 5, 7, 12-14, 17-19, 22, 28, 31, 33, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45 ,48-53, 56, and 66-77 of Alon et al. was invented by David Goren, Rachel Gordin, and Michael Zelikson who are the co-inventors of claims 1-24 in the present patent application. A declaration to this effect by David Goren, Rachel Gordin, and Michael Zelikson under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 is submitted herewith. Claims 1-24 are therefore patentable over Alon et al., which is not "prior art" under the present circumstances.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their applications against any of Applicants' claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 09-0468.

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# APPENDIX